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Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to object to food irradiation. It is an unhealthful practice, and I do not appreciate that it is forced upon us without our consent.

I also do not appreciate that this can be done without disclosure in the market place. People should at least have the opportunity to avoid exposure to irradiated food if they so choose.

Please cease this practice and give us complete information at the retail level about the products available for consumption.

Sincerely yours,

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